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## Classroom Activities

### Core version

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## Earthquake in Chile (Page 1)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Earthquake in Chile'.  
Answer questions 1-14.

1. What was the Richter scale measurement of the earthquake in Chile?  
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2. What is a seismologist?  
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3. How strong was the most powerful earthquake ever recorded, and where did it happen?  
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4. Where was the epicentre of the earthquake?  
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5. What is a tsunami? Why were tsunami warnings given in countries so far away?  
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6. What precautions are made in Chile to minimise the effects of earthquakes?  
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7. Who was the President of Chile when the earthquake struck and what did she decide to do?  
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**Earthquake in Chile (Page 1)** *continued*

8. Who is the new president of Chile and why will his job now be harder?

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9. Explain how earthquakes are caused.

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10. Which two tectonic plates are close to Chile?

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11. How was the Earth affected by the earthquake?

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12. What is subduction?

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13. Explain what causes night and day times on the Earth.

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14. Explain what is meant by the 'ice skater effect'.

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**Election in Iraq (Page 2)****Instructions:** Read the article 'Election in Iraq'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Iraq has had two parliamentary elections since the American-led invasion of the country in 2003.		
2. The Iraqi parliament has 325 members.		
3. President Obama has announced that American troops will stay in Iraq until 2015.		
4. Most Kurds live in the south of Iraq.		
5. The parliamentary election held on 7th March was organised by the USA.		
6. Baghdad is the capital city of Iraq.		
7. Political parties that group together are called coalitions.		
8. Nouri al-Maliki is the current president of Iraq.		
9. Jalal Talabani is a Sunni.		
10. In Iraq everyone votes to elect the country's president.		

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**What killed off the dinosaurs? (Page 3)****Instructions:** Read the article 'What killed off the dinosaurs?'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. About 65 million years ago.

2. Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. A scientist who studies rocks.

3. Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. K-T extinction event.

4. Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. Chicxulub, in Mexico.

5. Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. 15 kilometres across.

6. Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. Lack of sunlight.

7. Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. The Deccan Traps.

8. Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. Mammals.

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**Democracy in Colombia (Page 7)****Instructions:** Read the article 'Democracy in Colombia'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

A vote in which all adults take part

Hugo Chávez

President of Colombia

USA

President of Ecuador

Referendum

Supporter of Colombia

Rafael Correa

President of Venezuela

Constitution

Militant group in Colombia

Evo Morales

President of Bolivia

Álvaro Uribe

Rules by which a country is governed

FARC

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## How humans behave in a crisis (Page 10)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'How humans behave in a crisis' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

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### LUSITANIA DISASTER

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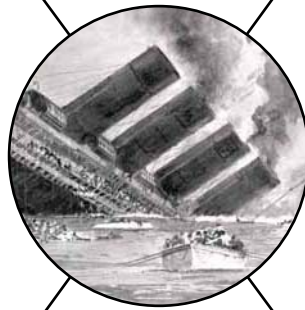
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### HUMAN BEHAVIOUR FINDINGS

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**Atlantic rubbish dump (Page 13)****Instructions:** Read the article 'Atlantic rubbish dump'.

Answer questions 1-5.

1. Explain what a gyre is.

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2. Which oceans have 'garbage patches' and how have they been formed?

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3. Explain what is meant by phytodegrading.

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4. What problems do plastic items in the ocean cause?

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5. In what way could the amount of plastic rubbish in the oceans be reduced in the future?

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**World Map (Page 12)**

**Instructions:** Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. NGADUNA

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2. LEMICH

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3. MAILOASO

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4. OHUTS IFACRAA

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5. NRFCRAE

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6. WIDENSE

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7. COMIAXE

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**Mystery country =** □ □ □ □ N □ □

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**Issue 114 Elimination**

**Instructions:** Read issue 114. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Beijing

Deccan Traps

Hugo Chávez

Orca

Operation Atlanta

Jalal Talabani

Venezuela

India

Somalia

Killer Whale

Nouri al-Maliki

Airburst

Lomé

~~Lusitania~~

JFK

Irina Bokova

Enola Gay

Arteries

Tunguska

Togo

~~Titanic~~

Sargasso Sea

New York

Blood

UNESCO

Hiroshima

National People's Congress

**Odd one out =** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Issue 114 multiple choice quiz****Instructions:** Read issue 114 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Where is the Chicxulub impact crater?**
  - a. On Mars
  - b. In Antarctica
  - c. On the coast of Mexico
  - d. On the Moon
  - e. Under the Pacific Ocean
2. **ECOWAS is an organisation of 15 countries. Where are they?**
  - a. Central Asia
  - b. South America
  - c. The Middle East
  - d. South East Asia
  - e. West Africa
3. **Of which African country is Yoweri Museveni the president?**
  - a. Togo
  - b. Uganda
  - c. South Africa
  - d. Egypt
  - e. Kenya
4. **What is a supercell?**
  - a. A type of bacteria
  - b. A very powerful storm
  - c. A three-wheeled bicycle
  - d. A type of long-lasting electric bulb
  - e. An ocean current
5. **Where is the headquarters of UNESCO?**
  - a. New York City
  - b. London
  - c. Paris
  - d. Rome
  - e. Washington DC
6. **According to the Chinese Lunar calendar what year began on 14th February?**
  - a. The Year of the Tiger
  - b. The Year of the Dragon
  - c. The Year of the Pig
  - d. The Year of the Rat
  - e. The Year of the Ox
7. **In which city is the Great Hall of the People?**
  - a. Tokyo
  - b. Moscow
  - c. Beijing
  - d. Bangkok
  - e. Pyongyang
8. **Who is the president of Colombia?**
  - a. José Mujica
  - b. Evo Morales
  - c. Rafael Correa
  - d. Álvaro Uribe
  - e. Hugo Chávez
9. **Where would you find a gyre?**
  - a. In the atmosphere
  - b. In an ocean
  - c. On a river
  - d. Under the ground
  - e. In a desert
10. **Of which country is Sebastian Piñera the president?**
  - a. Chile
  - b. Mexico
  - c. Spain
  - d. Brazil
  - e. Portugal